



MANOA NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD NO. 7

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, 2006 NOELANI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Nadine Nishioka called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with a quorum present.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nadine Nishioka, Jim Harwood, Gary Andersen, Hank Chapin, Paul Holtrop, Dwight Jackson, Jeff McNeill, Chuck Pearson, Brian Kessler, and Milton Ragsdale.

MEMBERS ABSENT: George Nakano, Salvatore Lanzilotti.

GUESTS: Hubert Minn (Mayor's Representative) Senator Brian Taniguchi and Poni Daines (Senator Taniguchi's Office staff); Representative Kirk Caldwell; Larry Reifurth (Governor's Representative); Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, Capt. Glen Kawamura (Honolulu Fire Department), Lt. Delima, Detective John Martin, Sgt. V. Mattox (Honolulu Police Department); Tom Heinrich, Ivonne Cardenas (Makakilo.com); Daniel Dinel, Deepak Neupane (HCDA); Grace Furukawa, Cindy Ramirez, Mari Vermeer, Tony Vossbrink, Kazu Vossbrink, Chloe Wur, Dr. Nancy Hedlund, Michelle Matson and Joey Manahan (Neighborhood Commission Office staff).

PUBLIC SAFETY INPUT:

HONOLULU FIRE DEPARTMENT (HFD) – Capt. Glen Kawamura distributed his report and highlighted the following:

1. Statistics for the month of March include no structure or car fires, and the rest of the calls were emergency responses.
2. Community Relations

Fire Safety Tip: Cooking fires are the leading cause of home fires and the second major cause of death among older adults. If you are cooking and must leave the kitchen, even only for a few minutes, turn off the stove. Keep a fire extinguisher (with a minimum rating of 2A10BC) in or near your kitchen and learn how to use it. Inspect the extinguisher regularly to ensure that it has not expired.

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT (HPD) –Officer Kam distributed the monthly stats and reported the following:

1. The stats have the usual fluctuations of increases and decreases. In particular, beat 750 saw increases in burglaries and unauthorized entry into motor vehicle (UEMV's), but there was a decrease in thefts. Beat 752 saw decreases in thefts.
2. Announced tips for disposing of garbage and bulky items. For further information visit www.opala.org.

Questions and answers and comments followed.

1. Member Kessler reported graffiti on Punahou Street. HPD will investigate.
2. Member McNeill asked if the rise in thefts in the statistics were due to reported scooter thefts in the area. In response to member McNeill's question regarding mitigating scooter theft, Detective ? replied to park in well-lit areas and using a lock on the frame, and common sense. HPD does not endorse any locks, but a kryptonite locks were suggested. Detective ? added that theft is a crime of opportunity and limiting that opportunity is advisable. Detective ? introduced Captain Green as the new captain for district 7.

3. In response to McNeill's question regarding a stabbing in the McCully area, Detective? Replied that the incident was one of self-defenses and the case is under investigation. No further details are available at this time.
4. Vice Chair Harwood suggested that mopeds and bicycles be chained through their frame to stationary structures such as a pole.
5. In response to the Chair's question regarding the rise statistics when school is out of session. HPD officers replied that there is less opportunity for theft when school is out of session.
6. in response to an area resident's question regarding the rise in thefts in the statistics for beat 751, HPD officers responded the rise in statistics were due to scooter thefts.

Chair Nishioka thanked HPD for attending the meeting.

BOARD OPEN FORUM:

1. Member Gary Andersen would like to know if the Manoa Neighborhood Board is in compliance with the Neighborhood Plan as the Board does not have a secretary. Andersen raised concern whether the meetings are legitimate and in compliance. Member McNeill opined that the Board is compliance and not in violation of Robert Rules or the Neighborhood Plan. Member Andersen would like an opinion from the State Office of Information Practices (OIP).
2. Chair Nishioka announced the vacancies and welcomed anyone who is interested to fill them.

COMMUNITY INPUT:

MAYOR'S REPRESENTATIVE—Hubert Minn, Deputy Director, Customer Services Department, distributed Mayor Hannemann's newsletter and reported the following:

1. Private roads in Manoa do not have greenside pickup. All trash picked up goes to dump as they cannot ascertain what bags have trash or green waste. Other option is to drop off Green waste at site nearest Manoa- 606 Middle Street, (go under freeway), this is a transfer site for green waste. Call 832-7840 for more information.
2. Vice Chair Harwood would like Mr. Takamura from The City Department of Environmental Services (ENV) to do a presentation to the Board regarding curbside recycling and clarify any issues the board may have with regards to the City's curbside recycling program.
3. In response to member McNeill's question regarding scheduling for bulky item pick up, Minn handed out the requested information regarding recycling and bulky item pick up in a bag that was made from recycled material. For more information visit www.opala.org.

Questions, answers and comments:

1. Chair Nishioka would like to know the process/criteria for prioritizing the repair of potholes on City roads.
2. Bob Farrell (video-grapher) would like to know if the City sells or has plans to sell items made from recycled goods, glass, paper, and/or plastic.

The Chair thanked Minn for his presentation.

SENATOR BRIAN TANIGUCHI – Distributed his report and highlighted the following:

1. The Senator is working on the Manoa Library renovations and expansion. Public hearings are scheduled and plans will be made available and the Board will be updated periodically. The neighboring Manoa Innovation Center has offered support and support from the community is needed. For further information please contact Senator Taniguchi at 586-6460 or email sentaniguchi@capitol.hawaii.gov
2. The Senator also announced that due to recent heavy rains legislation offering tax relief to Manoa flood victims would be extended to those who suffered flood damage statewide.

Questions, answers, and comments:

1. In response to member Andersen's question regarding part-time and full time Legislatures, the Senator replied, Hawaii's Legislature is a part-time legislature because it is so established in the State's Constitution.
2. In response to member McNeill's question regarding constituent based bills, Senator Taniguchi mentioned about half are still alive and a list may be provided upon request.

The Chair thanked Senator Taniguchi for his report.

MALAMA O MANOA—Chuck Pearson gave updates on Paradise Park and announced the Kupuna event as being a success. He thanked all those who participated.

FEREL PIGS—Grace Furukawa announced a meeting regarding feral pigs at the Manoa Innovation Center on Wednesday April 12 at 6 p.m. Furukawa thanked Representative Kirk Caldwell, Councilmember Ann Kobayashi, and Senator Taniguchi for their support.

OTHER CONCERNS—An area resident commended representative Caldwell for his quick response to the recent floods in the area. Representative Caldwell went above and beyond the call of duty and the resident on Kualani Drive was grateful.

TRANSIT CORRIDOR—Pat Lee. Independent consultant for Parsons Brickenhoff gave updates on the transit corridor and would like to present project schedules and give the Board updates on the project. For more information please visit www.honolulutransit.org.

NEW BUSINESS

HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY KAKAAKO MAKAI DEVELOPMENT:

Representatives from HCDA and opposing community groups presented their position on Kakaako development. David Dinell, Executive Director for HCDA and staff represented HCDA, and Dr. Hedlund and Michelle Matson and other community groups represented Friends of Kakaako.

HCDA's Mission for Kaka'ako is to provide the most livable community and raise the standards for new communities throughout the State. HCDA's project goals include a mixed use destination and people oriented "gathering place" to address Honolulu's needs for recreation, entertainment, and social exchange in an appropriate Hawaiian setting. HCDA plans to preserve and enhance the natural environment through landscaping, Hawaiian lifestyle, environmental sustainability and public access to ocean and shoreline to serve as a catalyst for future growth, diversification and stimulation of Hawaii's economy and to provide an economic balance between revenue and non-revenue projects.

Dr. Nancy Hedlund, from the Ala Moana – Kakaako Neighborhood Board, reported that the Ala Moana Board adopted a resolution "To request an immediate 'hold' on all actions of the HCDA regarding Kakaako Makai Development." The resolution opposes the sale of public land to a private company, and requests there be a "hold" until there is: a) full review of the adequacy of HCDA's process of using community input prior to issuing requests for proposals and implementation of procedures to increase use of citizen input, b) completion of an EIS, c) revision of current HCDA structure and rules to achieve compliance with the historically defined

community to restrict development to 45 foot elevations, d) revision of HCDA structure and rules to include voting members who represent citizens from community residents, people who come from the area for recreation, and business people. Hedlund noted there are approximately a dozen bills in the legislature on this matter, there is public opposition to the sale of public lands to a private developer, the project will impact view planes, community support of the bills in the legislature is requested, the area is a brown field (contaminated) because the private owners who fouled the land when they leased it. The money from the land sale is needed for the clean up, selling the land is not the answer, park land is needed.

Harwood motioned and Andersen seconded to support Dr. Hedlund's resolution "To request an immediate 'hold' on all actions of the HCDA regarding Kakaako Makai Development."

Discussion followed:

1. Member Kessler and former member Richard Fassler spoke against the resolution.
2. Dr. Hedlund, Michelle Matson, friends of Kakaako and other community groups spoke in favor of the resolution and against private use of public lands for profit.
3. Member McNeill raised concerns about building more roads, traffic, parking and density issues.
4. In response to McNeill's question regarding HCDA following guidelines for public hearing, Dinell answered in the affirmative. Public Hearings were held and noticed since January 2005.
5. In response to member Andersen's concerns regarding Kakaako developments being in a tsunami inundation zone, Dinell has taken those issues into consideration.
6. Minutes and information regarding the Kakaako development are posted on HCDA's website.
7. Michelle Matson presented the 'People's Plan'. And announced a rally will take place at the State Capitol rotunda this Wednesday at noon.
8. Member Kessler requested that the discussion be tabled, but Robert Rules prohibits the tabling of a discussion to kill a measure.
9. Member Ragsdale spoke against the resolution.

The motion failed 2-8-1. (Ayes: Harwood, Andersen. Nays: Jackson, Holtrop, Pearson, Ragsdale, McNeill, Kessler, Chapin, Abstain: Nishioka)

Due to time constraints, the rest of the agenda was deferred until the next regular meeting of the Board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

The Manoa Neighborhood Board's next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3, 2006 at Manoa Elementary School cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joey Manahan, Neighborhood Assistant